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HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL BANGLADESHI IMMIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants are allegedly staying in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such immigrants staying illegally in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any action to deport these illegal immigrants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): There are reports of Bangladeshi nationals having entered the country without valid travel documents. Since entry of such Bangladeshi nationals into the country is clandestine and surreptitious, it is not possible to have accurate data of such Bangladeshi Nationals living in various parts of the country. A number of Bangladeshi nationals who have entered into India on valid travel documents have been found to be overstaying. As per information available, as on 31.12.2012, 16,530 Bangladeshi Nationals who came to India with valid travel documents were found to be overstaying.

(c): Central Government is vested with powers to deport a foreign national illegally staying in the country under section 3(2)(c)of the Foreigners Act, 1946. The powers to identify and deport such illegally staying foreign nationals have also been delegated to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. A revised procedure for detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants has also been set out and circulated to State Government/ Union Territory Administrations in November, 2009, which has been partially modified in February, 2011, and further modified in February, 2013. The procedure includes sending back then and there, the illegal immigrants who are intercepted at the border while entering India unauthorisedly.

(d): State-wise details of Bangladeshi Nationals deported from India during last three years i.e. 2011 to 2013 are given in the Annexure-A.